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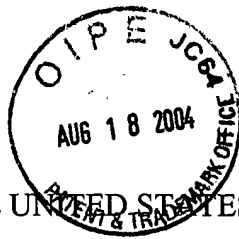
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AMENDMENT A
Under 37 CFR § 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed July 7, 2004, please accept and amend the above-identified application in accordance with the remarks and amendments as defined herein.

Introduction

Claims 1-14 have been allowed by the Examiner. The Office Action only indicates that claims 1-8 are allowed and claims 9-14 are not cited. However, the Applicant's attorney contacted the Examiner and the Examiner confirmed allowance of claims 9-14.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this document.